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FOR: **Bioabsorbable Branched Polymers Containing Units Derived From
Dioxanone And Medical/Surgical Devices Manufactured Therefrom**

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)
TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED APPLICATION**

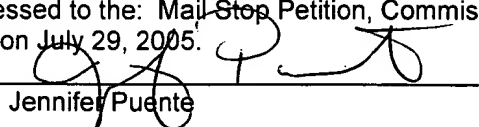
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the benefit of earlier filed U.S. application serial No. 09/282,724 filed March 31, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,339,130, which is a continuation of application No. 08/733,683, filed on October 17, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/477,098, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,578,622, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/278,898, filed on July 22, 1994, now abandoned.

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U.S. Application Serial No. 09/282,724 was inadvertently omitted from the original claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120. The entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due and the date the claim for priority was filed was unintentional. Submitted with this petition is a copy of the concurrently filed amendment to the specification correcting the priority benefit claim. The amendment changes the first page of the specification to include reference to the applications identified in this petition as required under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2). Applicants note that only those parent applications that were incorporated by reference at the time the instant patent application was filed have been included with the benefit claim. Thus, the incorporated-by-reference statement in the benefit claim adds no new matter and is appropriate. See for example, Page 1, lines 9-14 of the instant specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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